

The Church of God Evangel

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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WHAT WILL THE GREAT DAY OF PRAYER ACCOMPLISH?

MANY WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS ARE INTERESTED IN THIS DRIVE! GOD BLESS THEM!

DIFFERENT STYLES OF PREACHERS

Dispositions Can be Changed by The Power of God and Culture.

CERTAIN THINGS THAT SHOULD BE DONE

I once knew a man whose disposition seemed to be anything but pleasant. Nearly every word he spoke had a kind of a cold frozen ring to it. To hear him talk at times caused the cold chills to run through my body. I often experienced a peculiar fear creep over me in his presence. I was only a boy, but I remember it well.

I grew up to young manhood and he grew older. I embraced religion and he seemed to harden his heart. He seemed to love me all right and as a friend I thought well of him, but there was a wide chasm between us. He lived on one side and I on the other. I prayed and he criticised. I had prayers in my home and he had the opposite. And although there was never any trouble between us, yet we were far apart. I was on the road to heaven and he was on the road to hell.

I do not think he really wanted to be cross and cold so as to make people uncomfortable in his presence, but it was just that way in spite of anything that he did to make it otherwise.

He was a hard working man, honest in his dealings, made a comfortable living for his family, but did not gain anything and did not have a happy home. It was himself that made his home unpleasant and unhappy.

Time ran on and he got older. He was taken sick. He had a long spell of sickness. I had the privilege of helping to wait on him. Finally he was about to die. He thought his time had come to go. He was unprepared. Death was frightful to him. He had no hope whatever. All was dark. One morning very early he sent for me. The messenger did not tell me what he wanted, but he urged me to hurry. It was about two miles to his home and I had to walk or rather I hurried faster than a walk most of the way. I hurried on in a state of wonder. I supposed he was about dead.

As soon as I arrived I hurried right into the house and up to his bed. Before I had time to scarcely speak he looked wildly at me and strength seemed to come suddenly to him and he raised up quickly and seized me around my neck and pulled me down over him on the bed. He began to scream and tell me he was lost, and begged me to pray for him. When I was able to get myself released from his strong hold I began to pray. And the Lord gave me a spirit of prayer and it seemed the words wended their way upward till they reached the throne. God heard and answered and the dear man was saved. The change was so sudden and unexpected that I was almost dazed. I finally concluded that that was the reason he sent for me.

Well, it is almost useless to tell you that his disposition was changed completely. He was a different man from that moment to his dying day. Instead of the cold freezing words there

I suppose I will never forget that incident.

That man later became a preacher. Do you suppose he was one of those that threw cold shot into his congregation till they were all killed, or do you think he was of the other disposition? I know what you will say. Yes, and you are right. He was of that class that lifted his congregation up to the skies very often in a manner that they could scarcely hold themselves quiet long enough for him to finish his discourse. And I have seen him finish his discourse and close his services and slip away and leave his congregation shouting and praising God because their souls were edified and lifted up into the heavenly atmosphere.

I have read somewhere that it is the duty of the preacher to feed the flock over which he is watching for their souls. Do any of you preachers remember any such advice being given? Do you think that is Bible advice? Listen! I will give it to you as it has been given me. "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the Church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood." (Acts 20:28) This does not say to whip and scold and "dig up" and wear out by telling them their faults and hurting their spirits by reflecting upon them in your discourse. He says to feed them.

I never knew so well about what the Bible means in many places where it mentions sheep and feeding the flock etc. until I learned something about the disposition of sheep. Sheep can be worried, and treated rough, and driven about till they are tired out, and dogged about, but they will not lie down till they are fed and get their hunger satisfied. But the moment they get full they are ready to lie down and be satisfied.

And the Bible uses sheep to represent people—The Lord's people. Then I conclude the best way to quell disturbances and stop backbiting, faultfinding, disagreement, hurt feelings, grievances and other aches and ills is to feed them so they will get full. When they are full of spiritual food there will be no tendency to go to questionable places for amusement or entertainment. There will be no tattling and ill feelings toward each other nor any trouble to have to fix up with one another.

Years ago when I was traveling and holding meetings I was at one place where I felt sorry for the minister. The first few days I was there his flock kept him nearly run to death, and he told me he was kept busy that way a good deal of the time. He had to go and help reconcile and get his members on good terms with one another. I have decided that his sheep were hungry, was the reason they would but and bang one another about, so it kept him busy trying to pacify them. And this all stopped in a few days when they got their souls fed on the good bread of life.

Brother pastor, feed your flock. It is the best way to quell disturbances you ever saw. Con-

ferences, church trials, preaching that "digs people up," scolding, "skinning" will never stop disturbances like a good square meal of soul food given from the Word of God and flowing from a compassionate heart.

I have read somewhere of shepherds that feed themselves, eat the fat, clothe themselves with the wool, kill them that are fed, but they do not feed the flock. I wonder what is meant by this. Probably that Scripture does not apply now, but I wonder if there could possibly be any shepherd anywhere that is going to satisfy himself in delivering his sermon whether he feeds the flock or not.

I once heard of a preacher who said, "I am going to deliver this message God has given me whether it satisfies the people or not." Well, he delivered his message, and his message nearly killed his congregation. Were they fed? The message gave rise to debates and strife among the members as they took sides for or against. He said the Lord gave him the message, but I do not see how that could be when the Bible says "Feed" them instead of hounding them and worrying them. When the sheep are fed they will lie down because they are satisfied, and I assure you that when men are filled full of spiritual food they will neither debate, strive nor take sides and get up disturbances.

Following the message to the shepherds who kill the flock instead of feeding them, the Lord by the mouth of Ezekiel says, "I will feed them in a good pasture * * * there shall they lie in a good fold, and in a fat pasture shall they feed." (Ezek. 34:14.) Now I conclude that the message that stings, and cripples, and kills is not a message from the Lord, because the Lord's message feeds so they will lie down. This means they will be satisfied, contented and happy. "I will feed my flock, and I will cause them to lie down." This certainly is proof that when the Lord's message is given the flock will be fed.

This reads like the shepherd Psalm. "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures." How does he do this? Does he trip them up, and by main force make them lie down? No! He feeds them so good and they get so full that they drop down right in the middle of the "green pastures."

Beloved, remember that the Lord's message will feed the flock. And if the flock gets into a wrangle, or they tattle about and talk ugly about one another, it is evidence that they are not satisfied, and if such conditions exist it is evidence they have not been fed good. Because when they are fed good they will lie down and be satisfied.

But what is the soul food that satisfies the flock? What did Paul mean to feed the Church of God? Let him answer the question. He says he "fed" them "with milk" and Peter explains it more fully when he says, "the sincere milk of the word that ye may grow thereby." (1Pet. 2:2.) This milk of the Word is for the new born babes. But the older Christians must be fed on some stronger diet. The Bible names it "strong meat". And this must be fed to them in the right way

so they will get the good from it that they need.

The Bible plan is to have the members "fitly joined together and compacted." (Eph. 4:16.) And this condition is to be brought about largely by the minister in charge. If his ministry has a tendency to separate rather than draw together he should know at once that there should be a change made in his efforts.

A certain minister was sent as pastor to a certain place where the members were slightly drawn apart on account of some little happenings. He was not wanted. When he arrived he was treated very coldly. He shook hands with the members and spoke to them very kindly. He went into the pulpit to preach.

His spirit was grieved because he knew he was not wanted. He could scarcely preach, but he did his best and made no reference whatever to the coldness that he met. He fed them the very best he could. At the night service he was free and preached with ease and much unction. He kept on feeding them from time to time and soon a revival broke out. By this time all differences and ill feelings had vanished. The year's work was over and the congregation were unanimous for his return. And the victory was won by restraining from any mention of coldness or trouble. The minister only fed his flock.

I tell you, beloved, if a flock is fed just right, some on milk and some on strong meat, there will be no contentions, no tattling, backbiting, ill feelings or division. If you see any trouble brewing, or any division coming, or find there are feelings existing, just feed them on the Word of God and they will all soon be quietly lying around in the green grass as happy as they can be. And these are some of the certain things that should be done so that the Church may grow and prosper.

The Big Drive

I want to say something more about the big drive that is now on. I believe the prayers that will go up tomorrow, Sunday the 22, will reach the throne. I can only speak for myself, but I feel dependent upon Him. I am resting in Him, sweetly trusting His almighty grace.

We have the assurance that we have His approval on our work. The Evangel is His very own. He knows it must have a home. And of course its home must not have a big debt hanging over it.

Years ago God told Moses that there must be a home prepared for the "ark of the covenant." This ark contained the tables of stone, the pot of Manna, and Aaron's rod that budded. After the tabernacle of witness was reared the ark was taken in and set in its place.

Of course the Evangel is not the ark, but it is a great factor in God's hands. It is flying, flying, rapidly over the world and must have a home to start from. We all believe it must have a home and that home must be paid for. Thousands are interested in this matter. This has been proven by the liberal contributions that have been flowing in to help lift the debt. And now I feel that we are so greatly interested that we

will give ourselves to prayer tomorrow.

Just think of the volume of prayer that will ascend the hill of the Lord. I fancy I see these prayers coming up before God. They are honest and sincere prayers. It will not be like our dear Heavenly Father to disregard our cries. I know He will hear us and come to our help.

Oh, mighty prayer day! Thou wilt uncover hidden treasures! Thou wilt unlock the heavy iron doors that close the passages to the vaults where money is laid away unused and of no value while lying there idle! Thou wilt unlock the strongest and most repulsive combinations! Yea, thou wilt win in this great drive! Thou wilt carry us victoriously over the top in this tremendous struggle! Thou wilt indeed find the means, pay the debts, and destroy the notes! Hallelujah!

And who would want to disobey when God speaks? Who would want to say "no" to God or render some excuse? I'm sure He will talk to some body. He will give His people a chance to obtain the blessing, and I believe they will heed His voice. But if any of them should fall, God is not so dependent upon them that the drive will fail because of their failure. But I do not believe anyone will refuse and fall. And I am sure there will be a mighty stirring among the people after this great prayer day tomorrow. And God is going to do the stirring. Praise be to His wonderful name! Love to all!

Afton, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson—
Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I want to sound a note of praise to God for what He is to me. I praise Him for sanctifying me and giving me the light on the Pentecostal way. I have started to go all the way at any cost. It is wonderful what the Lord has done for me at this place.

I am so glad the Church of God has been set in order here, so we can worship as God wants us to. I praise God for bringing me into His church. Bless His dear name! I have accepted all of God's Word.

We praise the Lord for our same overseer, M. W. Letsinger. We are expecting great things.

Pray much for us and pray that I may receive the Holy Ghost and be ready when He comes.

Your saved sister,
Mrs. C. H. Swanner.

Odum, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Saints— Greeting in Jesus' Dear Name:

I have been reading the Evangel and the testimonies are so good. It makes me feel so good to read the paper for there are no Church of God people here. I am a member and want to do something for Jesus, the One who did so much for me. I want to get closer to Jesus and do His will until He comes or calls.

Pray for my unsaved husband that he may be a believer, and have the sweet presence of Jesus. Also pray for my unsaved father and brother.

Your unworthy sister in Christ,

Mrs. Robert Dent.

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if nothing else a postal card telling where
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in the interest of the Church of God."

Use R. E. Winsett's song
books. They are the best we
know.

The first day of March will
be the "Birthday" of the Evangel.
It will be ten years old.

The Bible school students
want us to urge everybody to
read the first page article this
week.

I think we all need to cele-
brate on the FIRST DAY OF
MARCH, as the Evangel is ten
years old that day. Suppose we
do it by each one getting a new
subscriber.

Some one wrote a few days
since and asked if we believed
in sanctification as an instant-
aneous work or a gradual
growth. We gladly reply, IN-
STANTANEOUS.

The last report of the "mountain"
drive showed the receipts
were \$3,980.68. The report this
week shows \$4,054.05. This puts
us away up toward the top, but
we still need \$2,320.20 to put us
over the top. I'm sure the Lord
will have it sent after next Sunday's prayer.

The work the Assembly marked
out for the advancement of
the Sunday-school interests has
not been fully worked out yet
and put in operation but we
hope to get it matured and ready
to assume practical form in a
few weeks.

The first week in March the
Evangel may contain an article
that was in the very first issue,
and only about 300 people read
it; now it will probably be read
by 75,000 or more. That is
some increase in ten years.

Some churches are collecting
tithes by the envelope system,
others by a tithe box that mem-
bers put their tithes into promis-
cuously without any special rec-
ord being kept of those who
pay or the amount, and still others
have the money paid direct-
ly to the treasurer and he takes
the names and keeps a record
of what each one pays. Either
of these plans are very good,

but it is not best for any pastor
to try to enforce either plan
so rigidly that it will bring grief
and discomfort to any. On the
other hand, it is always better
for all the members to willingly
fall into line with what ever plan
is adopted. If the envelope sys-
tem is adopted then let every
member accept it willingly and
all work together. If some other
plan is adopted then fall into
that. The object is to pay tithes
and each one is expected to be
honest with himself and
the Lord. I can pay tithes under
any system that I have heard
of yet. I pay tithes because I
want to, and I do not care what
system is adopted for their col-
lection together.

The death angel is doing his
deadly work again this winter. I
wish to express my deep sympathy
for every family that is
broken by the hand of death.
God bless and sustain the be-
reaved ones.

Let the Virginia friends get
ready for the big EVANGEL
SUBSCRIPTION DRIVE that
has been announced for the en-
tire month of March. Write us
for particulars and we will gladly
give you the information and
send you subscription blanks.
We want to see old Virginia
come to the front with her sub-
scription list.

The Home Bible Training
School closes Friday, April 2.
The exercises and presentation
of diplomas will be at the
church the night of the last
day. Friends are invited to at-
tend. And we are making the
announcement early so those at
a distance can prepare to come
and be with us. A good time is
expected, and it will be demon-
strated then whether the school
is doing any good or not.

The minutes of the Assembly
are going now by the hundreds
at 25c single copy, \$2.50 per
dozen, and in larger lots at the
special rates. We believe the de-
mand will be greater for this re-
cord of the Assembly proceedings
than has been for the previous Assemblies. There is something
in the air. Let us have
your orders.

The sixth of March we ex-
pect to make the Evangel a
foreign mission paper. Then on
the 14th. of March we will ex-
pect to see fruits of a greater
interest in missions. We are ex-
pecting reports of churches set
in order both in South America
and China almost any day.
Praise the Lord.

Out of sixty nine churches in
Tenn. fifty one have reported for
Jan. Out of seventeen churches in
West Va. twelve have
reported. Out of fourteen in Ill.
ten have reported. Thirty six in Ala., twenty three reported.
Every church in Ind., La., North
Dak., New Jersey, and Pa. have
reported. All the other states
have a few churches that have
not reported. There is some
work yet to be done. Let us do
it. What if the Assembly should
make a ruling not to recognize
any church that does not report?

Send for extra copies of the
Evangel and get subscriptions
and help us spread the good
news. Let the good work go on
everywhere, and let us roll up to
25,000 by the Assembly. Is that
too much to expect? I fancy I
hear many say, No! We must
have them.

As we are about ready to
close our forms a special re-
quest for prayer comes in from
Spencer Beard of Knoxville,
Tenn., for his two baby boys
who are sick with measles.

Requests
Lizzie Palmore of Stonewall,
Ga. has asthma and desires the
prayers of the saints to be healed.

Lizzie Gordon of Oakvale, W.
Va. has stomach trouble and
nervous spells. Pray that she
will be healed.

Mary Erritt of Island, Ky.
asks you to remember her, her
unsaved husband and five chil-
dren in your prayers.

Julia J. Woodall, Roseboro, N.
C. would be glad for the saints
to join her in prayer for the re-
covery of her father's health.

Bertha Burgess of Ritta, Fla.
wants the saints to help her
pray that her son may be re-
claimed. He is seeking the Lord
again.

Katie Duggar of Glen St.
Mary, Fla. has rheumatism in
one foot and desires the saints
to pray that she will be healed.

Lydia Connell, Norris City, Ill.
desires the saints to pray that
she may be saved and that her
husband may be healed. He has
had rheumatism three years.

Mrs. W. L. Taylor of Bogue,
N. C. desires the saints to pray
that she may receive the Holy
Ghost and do the Lord's will.
Pray for her unsaved children.

Mrs. Eudora Jones of New-
port, N. C. requests special
prayer for the Holy Ghost. She
realizes that Jesus is coming
soon, and she will need the Holy
Ghost then.

W. C. Thomas of Walnut
Grove, Ala., has once been sanctified.
He now requests the saints to
pray that he may be reclaimed,
sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

Sarah J. Packe, Schulter,
Oklahoma. wants the saints to please
pray that she may receive the
baptism of the Holy Ghost. Al-
so pray that her husband and
five children may be saved.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Cape of
Oakley, Wyo. asks the saints to
pray a special prayer that they
may be sanctified and filled with
the Holy Ghost and become
members of the Church of God.

Mrs. Lula Davis of Ft. Pierce,
Fla. has a daughter who has
been sick five months. She re-
quests the saints to pray that
she may be healed. She is trust-
ing wholly in the Lord.

Hester Cupp of Deering, Ky.
has lost the use of her right
hand also has epileptic fits. She
suffers very much. Pray that
the cause of her affliction will be
removed and that she will be
healed.

W. T. Cannady of Sulphur
Springs, Texas earnestly desires
the prayers of the saints that
he may be sanctified and filled
with the Holy Ghost. Also pray
that he may be healed of a
cough which he has had sever-
al years. He takes no medicine.

H. Smith, Milan, Ala. asks all
who read this to pray that his
wife will receive the Holy Ghost.
He also requests prayer that his
brother who has had fits sev-
eral years may be healed.

He wants some one to come
to Milan to hold a meeting in
the fall. Any who come will be
well cared for.

Wakefield, N. C.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and
Evangel Readers:

I am still trying to live for Je-
sus. I am saved, sanctified and

the great Comforter abides in
my soul and keeps me praising
God for the wonderful way.

There are only a few holiness
people around here and as we
have no house of worship close
by, we hold prayer meetings
once or twice a week at the
homes. All of you help me pray
that our meetings may be suc-
cessful in winning souls for
Jesus.

The Lord healed my mother
of the lagrippe, and I thank
Him for His goodness.

Pray that my husband and
children may be saved, and that
I may have more faith in God.
Yours for Jesus,

Mrs. Rosalie Baker

Altavista, Va

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising the Lord for
saving me from sin about two
years ago and I want to keep
saved. I desire the prayers of
all the saints that I may be truly
sanctified and receive the Holy
Ghost like they did on the day
of Pentecost.

I am a member of the Church
of God and I believe in all her
teachings. This is the only
way I can find in the Bible and
I want to go to heaven the Bi-
ble way. I don't want to climb up
some other way. Praise the
Lord! I want to go by way of
the cross.

Please pray that God will help
me to do His will at all times.

Your unworthy brother,
J. B. Adams.

Feels Like a New Man.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am glad to report victory
in my soul these last days. I am
glad I know I am saved, sancti-
fied and filled with the Holy
Ghost, and speak in other
tongues. Bless His dear name!

I am now seventy-eight years
old and I have never felt better.
I feel like a new man. I feel the
fire burning in my soul. Glory
to God, it is wonderful. I am
ready to start to the heathen
land or any where God wants
me to go.

I am glad I am in the Church
of God which is coming to the
front these last days. Bless
God!

I am looking for the Son of
God and I am ready to meet
Him in the air. These are the
last days which have been
prophesied. I thank God be-
cause I ever saw the signs of
the times. I am looking for won-
derful miracles. It will take close
living to God to wake souls.

Your loving brother in Christ,
Jerry Miller.

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to work on the farm. Good pay
and money when you want it.
One and one-half miles from
Church of God church. For fur-
ther information write

F. C. Danehower,
Haynes, Ark.

Notices

The following are the districts
of W. Va. and their overseers.

Coal River district, overseer,
F. B. Worley; churches, Garrison,
Dorothy and Colcord.

Knowho district, overseer, E.
C. Smith; churches, East Bank,
Crown Hill, Ward, Cedar Grove,
Shrewsbury, Hugheston and
Kaymoore.

Oakvale district, overseer S.
H. Worley; churches, Oakvale,
Guyats, Leckie, Powatan, and
Mc Dowell.

Elk River district, overseer,
James Cline.

Parkersburg district, overseer,
W. H. Rodgers.

Logan district, overseer, W.
M. Rumler (at present); churches,
Logan and Huntington.

Your servant

W. M. Rumler.

To the Ministers of W. Va.—
Greetings in Jesus' Dear
Name:

Come, let us reason together.
"But my God shall supply all
your need according to his rich-
es in glory by Christ Jesus."

Phil. 4:19.

"Even so hath the Lord or-
dained that they which preach
the gospel should live of the gos-
pel." 1 Cor. 9:14.

Beloved, I understand that
there are some who hold min-
ister's license to preach the gos-
pel who are also working at the
mines and other manual labor.

This proves to me that they
were not called of God to preach
or they are disobeying the Lord
one and hindering His cause and
keeping souls out of the great

Church of God that would come
in if they had a chance. As long
as you ministers work by the
side of a member of the Church
of God, he will not want to pay
tithes which belong to the min-
isters. By this the work of the
Lord is hindered on every line.

I want all of you to consider
this matter and decide what you
are going to do for we must
have men who are putting in
their time for the Lord. We are
tired of men working and
preaching only once in a while.
We want men who will work all
the time for the Lord, for this
gospel must go and the flocks
must be fed. If these men won't
work and make their monthly
reports, we will have to pray
out some that will. Let us move
up and evangelize old W. Va.
this year as never before.

The ministers and treasurers
who failed to make their reports
for Nov. and Dec. are requested
to make them out separately
and send to head quarters at
once. Remember the words of
the Lord, "Feed my sheep."

Let me hear from all what
you have decided to do. With
lots of love and prayers for all
of you, I am,

Your unworthy servant,
W. M. Rumler, over-
seer of W. Va.

Obituaries

Gone to Heaven.

The Lord saw best to take
from the home of Brother and
Sister Bobo, little Bonnie Boete,
aged four months. He died Jan.
29, 1920.

He was well cared for here
and he is now in the arms of
Jesus. One more jewel gone to
beckon the others home to rest.
His place is vacant here and we
can only look to that reunion
on the other shore when the
family will be together.

One in sympathy with the
family,

His aunt,
M. A. Sanders.

Our beloved sister, Annie
Alexa departed this life, Feb. 6,
1920. She was in bed two
months but she was always will-
ing to go if it were the Lord's
will to take her. She was saved,
sanctified, and baptized with<br

CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

FAITH HEALS TWISTED BACK OF LITTLE GIRL

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People call it a miracle. Grace Holt's father called it faith.

When Grace Holt, now fourteen years of age, and one of the brightest pupils of the Lee street school, was a baby fourteen months old, she was afflicted with double curvature of the spine, which physicians despaired of correcting. If she lived until two and a half years old, they said, she might be put into a plaster cast, and the evil repaired, but she would never be able to walk. She was a tiny anemic little body, emaciated to a pitiful degree, and weighing only eleven and a half pounds.

And yet, one day, almost in the twinkling of an eye, little Grace was healed, and in three days was able to sit up, although she had never done so before. Within a few months she was able to walk, and do all the things that a normal child of her age might do.

The case created a sensation at that time, and the Rev. A. R. Holderby, now living in College Park, a life long friend of the family, says that it is one of the most remarkable occurrences that has ever come to his attention. Dr. Holderby, though then and now a minister of the Presbyterian church, was formerly a doctor of medicine, and his opinion of the case may be taken as that of an expert familiar with all the circumstances.

Little Grace received treatment from several physicians, among them Dr. C. K. Mooring, osteopath, but the osteopathic treatments, so her father says, seemed to cause the child such excessive pain that they were discontinued.

Charles Holt, the father says that always the affliction of his daughter was like a weight on his mind and heart. Daily he prayed that she might be healed.

One day he came home from church, and taking his little one on his knee, passed his hand over the afflicted portion of the back. It was like passing the hand over a row of marbles. He says that he prayed the prayer of his faith, and begged that God would give him a sign. Suddenly he felt a vibration in his fingers, which communicated itself like electricity to his entire body, and he felt the crooked part of his baby's spine give way under his touch.

Laughing and crying at the same time, he called to his wife in joyful tones, "Dora, our baby is going to get well!"

From that day on her improvement was rapid. People came from far and near to see the result of this wonderful healing.

Mr. Holt and his family, who now live at 24 York avenue, West End, are members of the Church of God.

"All the other churches," said Mr. Holt, "carry out part of the symbols of the Master's teaching. We carry them all out, and try to live them as well. We are not ashamed to wash each other's feet, and we do it just as it was done when He set the example." And all must agree that this is perhaps the most favorable lesson of humility contained in the New Testament.

He says that many other remarkable healings have been effected for those who came in faith to the altar...sight has been restored after partial blindness, even pellagra and tuberculosis have yielded where faith was strong. Many who have come to scoff have remained to pray, and all have gone away rejoicing and praising God.

"The trouble with most people," said Mr. Holt, "is that they think they have faith when they

haven't. They are willing to accept miracles that happened centuries ago, but they would be frightened at seeing one come to pass before their eyes today, and are skeptical of the ones that they hear of second-hand. Like Peter, when Jesus bade him walk to Him on the water, they would be afraid, and straightway begin to sink."

—And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him and said unto him, "O, thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?"—

And there's Grace Holt, pretty and winsome with frank blue eyes and blond tresses caught back by a girlish bow, who plays the piano, standing shoulder to shoulder with her classmates, who hasn't a doubt in the world that she was cured by faith.

"Jewel Joints"

Mrs. B. L. Shepherd

In the song of Solomon, we have a most beautiful description of the bride. Every part of the bride's make up is imitatively described. The eyes like doves' eyes, the temple as pomegranates, the teeth as a flock of sheep, the hair as a flock of goats, the hands as a gold ring, the legs as pillars of marble, the cheeks as sweet flowers, the lips lillies, etc. Many wonderful things are said of her exquisite, spiritual beauty, but lovely as are all her ornaments and rich as are the symbols used to describe her spiritual graces, there is no word so choice as the one given to the joints. "The joints of thy thighs are like jewels." (Song of Sol. 7:1.)

The joints, the unseen covered forces are called jewels. Unseen by all except that great Eye, before which all is naked and open. No admiration is given these hidden powers, no honor bestowed upon them and scarcely any notice at all until, alas, they get stiff and out of working order. Then the entire body is called into sympathy.

We know when the natural joints become stiff and refuse to work, the entire body becomes a painful failure. See the many invalids in wheel chairs and on crutches, who are victims of stiff joints. What makes these joints stiff?—Lack of lubricating oil. In the human body as well as in machinery, every part must be kept off every other part by the continual oiling at every point of contact.

Just so with the body of our Lord (The Church of God) the blessed oil of the Holy Spirit, the holy anointing oil, must be upon us and between us constantly. David said, "I shall be anointed with fresh oil." That is what a lot of us need, dear ones, an anointing of fresh oil. The old oil gets all gummed up and the constant friction of the machinery uses up the supply and we fail to get another oiling and the joints go stiff and stop or hinder the working of the body.

And we need willing workers who will take the place of the thighs and be these great unseen forces that are so necessary to the body and yet get no applause for their work. As I search out these different parts of the body and see the mission of each part, I am inclined to believe that these effectual parts that are so necessary, yet often neglected, is the prayer joints—the jewel joints.

Oh! how we need men and women who will volunteer for this great work of prayer and pour out their hearts and lives to God as Elijah did, until something is accomplished. People

days and shut out the toils and cares of this life, and get in touch with God and ask until things come to pass. Not much honor would be bestowed upon such a one but how quickly the Holy Ghost would operate on the hearts of men and women if He were prevailed upon in such a way. "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered." (Rom. 8:26.) Oh for vessels that are so emptied that He could come into them and use them for a channel through which He could intercede at the Father's throne, for He understands our needs and could make them known to the Father if He had the right of way. "He wondered that there was no intercessor." (Isa. 59:16.)

The blessed Holy Ghost must be our intercessor for He alone can plead for us at the throne of mercies. The time has been when people could move along without much prayer, but not so to-day. It takes real intercessory prayer to break through the myriads of evil spirits that surround us at times, and make an appeal to the Father. How often in these last days have we been in altar service when it seemed it was almost impossible to pray. Even the saints were bound and the very atmosphere of hell seemed to be in our midst. At once some empty vessel that was in touch with God became a channel for the Spirit to work through, and God would hear and answer, and souls would be born into the Kingdom of God and His Christ.

The comparison became so beautiful to me as I read not long ago of cutting of diamonds. Many years ago they were cut by hand which was a very tedious and slow process. Often valuable jewels were ruined in the cutting. Sometimes it would take years to cut them by hand, but after a while they were considered fit for the King's crown.

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This precious gem was cut by machinery that only took thirty eight days to do the work. If it had been cut by hand, it would have taken years. The Orloff, another precious gem, had a deep flaw and the wheel which ground it out made 30,000 revolutions a minute. Before it was cut, it was valued at \$10,000; after being cut, it was sold for \$60,000, and when re-cut and made more perfect brought \$450,000. God has made precious diamonds in the rough. Christians, can we stand it? May He cut us as jewel joints? Kings have been known to give their choicest gems to some great artist of the stage or music. Likewise Christ gives His choice jewel (prayer work) to those who are willing to be trained to it.

In the ark of the covenant God came down and "shined" from between the solid gold cherubs. And the reason He is not shining more on us is because He has no place to shine forth. We need the flaws ground out and oh, it takes so many revolutions of the wheel and we become discouraged and fail to hold still while He cuts away.

Before the Holy Spirit was given, the old slow process would do, but now He wants to make a quick work, and He is using every usable vessel through which He can work. O, beloved, if this great work is ever accomplished in our day, that is placed in your hands and mine, it must be done through Name of Jesus:

joints, the life of prayer. When Zion travaleth, sons and daughters are brought forth. Read Micah 4:10. When are these things to be accomplished? When Zion travails, gets troubled, has great anguish.

Many on whom this work was laid drew back for it is a heavy weight to be always bearing about in our body the marks of the Lord Jesus. Oh, for real soul travail, for the agonizing sorrow that almost rends the heart from the bosom. Who will volunteer into this service as the prophet of old and say, "Here am I, Lord, send me." Many people covet to be some part of the body that much honor will be bestowed upon, but very few, if any, covet to be the hidden joints. These hidden joints, how they strengthen us when we are striving to deliver a message under difficulties or in the face of great opposition. Give me a few good working, fresh oiled prayer joints and I can do miracles in the face of all opposition. Oh, that we had more of them. Oh, that we could see the many things that could be accomplished through it, and the great possibilities there are in being an intercessor—a jewel joint. You can now begin to see why this beautiful comparison, the joints of the thighs, are like jewels. It will take this to bring God's people into an oneness, and to send out the thousands of missionaries now needed on the field to perfect the Church and get us ready for His glorious appearance.

As we go about the work of this year, pray that God will give us a life of prayer and make a real jewel joint out of us. Be sure to have every part well lubricated with fresh "oil" so there will be no friction. If we would learn to be a "supplying" joint, let us live moment by moment in relationship with Him so that He can trust us into the jewel joint. He waits to make us. For "All the body by joints and bands, having nourishment ministered and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God." (Col. 2:19.)

Many things are waiting to be accomplished and we have only a short period to work. These things can be accomplished through the Holy Spirit as we yield ourselves to Him and let Him operate through us.

Let us determine that we will put no effort on our part and never deny the Holy Spirit when He wants to use us. Real soul travail is what God will honor. If you are not successful in your revival, try tarrying before God until the blessed Spirit comes to your rescue and talks to the Father with groanings which cannot be uttered, and the meeting will be one of victory. Here is the secret of a revival. Often you can gain this victory on the outside or in the secret of your room. You can be a hidden joint, a perfect jewel, and people will wonder at your power in a meeting, your joy, your success as a soul winner. But, dear ones, there is the secret. Have the Spirit to talk to the Father about these matters, and He will bring it to pass. He must have empty vessels, though, to work through. God helps us to empty ourselves and be submissive so He can make a jewel joint of us.

A Personal Letter from a Former Bible Student

Unto the Church of God Bible School Students, Teachers and All Who are Helping Push This Great Movement to the Front—Greetings in the Dear Name of Jesus:

The great God of heaven

A Good Report.
Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Saints:

The dear Lord is still pouring out His Spirit. Our pastor, W. B. Davis, and wife, assisted by F. J. Crowder, have just closed a ten days meeting at Marion, Va. The Lord blessed all the way through. Ten were saved, seven sanctified, six baptized with the Holy Ghost and ten added to the Church of God. We observed the Lord's supper and washed the saints' feet. Every body were in harmony and unity. The saints were dancing, speaking in tongues, hot stove pipes were handled, the organ played under the power many times, and some were slain under the power.

Many are looking this way. We want all the dear saints to pray for the work here.

Yours for lost souls,
Mrs. Minnie Stewart.

Townsend, Tenn.

Dear Saints Scattered Abroad—
Greetings:

I want to sound a note of praise to our blessed Lord. I praise God for victory over sin and for the abiding Comforter which came in to take up His abode, Aug. 12, 1919 Praise His good name! I feel His blessed Spirit now.

We have a band of about thirty members here. Pray much that God will send some Spirit-filled preacher to feed the hungry souls. We are always glad to see God's servants come here and we are glad to take care of them as long as they stay.

Your sister under the blood,
Eliza L. Hicks.

Bible Training School.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Saints of God:

I want to sound a note of praise to God for what He is to me. I praise Him because the Comforter abides.

I thank God for the Bible Training School for I am a student. It means so much to study the Bible. I wish every saint could take this Bible course for it is wonderful.

I praise God for the Sunday school work.

All of you pray for me, and pray for my husband to be saved.

Your humble sister,
Velma Bynum,
Berryton, Ga.

The Lord Blessed

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and Saints—Greetings in Jesus' Dear Name:

I am praising God for the deep settled peace down in my soul. Glory to God! I praise Him for saving, sanctifying and baptizing me with the blessed Holy Ghost. Bless His dear name!

We had a wonderful prayer service at a brother's home the other night. The saints danced, shouted and talked in tongues. I had a vision, saw a number of angels as white as the whitest pearls in the air at one time, then again at the top of a golden stair reaching from earth to heaven. Glory to God! A message was given calling sinners to come this way, the true way.

Praise His dear name! The way grows brighter. Pray that I may stand true.

My little boy had a cough and he coughed so badly that he became sore. He told us to pray for him and God wonderfully healed him. He has not coughed since. Praise God! To Him be all the praise.

I mean to go all the way with Jesus.

Your humble sister in Christ,

Bertie Long,
Bronson, Fla.

CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

MISSIONS

S. J. Heath

As we look over the great fields white unto harvest, and so many precious souls crying for laborers to come and reap the golden grain, our hearts are made sad because so few are awake to the great opportunity of giving the gospel to the lost.

God has given us the gift of the Holy Ghost with the commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." God is waiting on us and depending on us. He has given us this great opportunity. Some have gone and are giving their lives to this great cause, suffering the persecutions and hardships, while others remain at home with friends and relatives, with good homes and enjoying the comforts of life and enjoyment of their salvation, never thinking of the thousands who cannot enjoy the blessings of a Holy Ghost experience because some body is failing to go or give their money to send some who would go if the means were in hand.

Would to God our hearts would burn with missionary zeal. Shouting and praising God is good. I wish all the people could do this, but, brother, sister, there are battles to fight and victories to win. Can you shout and not help to win? God can't use slackers, are you one?

In Georgia alone where wife and I are traveling as State Missionary evangelists, our hearts are made to almost bleed as we see the neglected opportunities, where hungry hearts are crying and begging us to come to their rescue. We really dislike to take time to sleep and I can hardly sleep when I retire, thinking of the many souls to be reached and so many enjoying and testifying to full and free salvation, not raising their voices nor giving their substance to help the needy. "But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" (1 John 3:17.)

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A servant for the Lord,
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Milan, Ala.

Sapa, Miss.

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I am praising God for freedom from all sin by the death and suffering of Jesus on the cruel cross of Calvary. "Wherefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered without the gate." (Heb. 13:12.)

Oh, how I do love the Evangel. I am a poor blind girl of eighteen years. Am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. How I do enjoy the blessing! It is a wonderful experience that God alone can give.

"If you love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he will give you another Comforter, that

THOUGHTS

M. S. Lemons

Just out in the future, there is coming a day
When the unfortunate one will be heard to say,
"Joy is gone, hope is fled.
Nothing remains but fear and dread:
The curtains have fallen on a world of sin,
Their voices will never be heard again."

The great catastrophe which we now face,
Will surely be felt by all of the race.
The mind of man is in a dreadful state,
When they understand it will be too late.

Soon the warning nations will hush in death,
Then saints will breathe their sweetest breath.

His word is pledged, sin God will destroy.
Never more for all eternity, shall Satan annoy.

Constantinople must fall into other hands,
The Oriental Capital will be placed in other lands.

at Jerusalem.

Still Praising God

Dear Evangel Readers:
It fills my heart with joy to think of being in this way. I remember the night the Holy Ghost came in and testified. (Acts 2:4.)

I have had a hard time serving the Lord but the hardest time was in France, July, 1918. I stayed in the U. S. Camps three months, and then to England, and on to France. I stayed there six months, and the Lord brought me safely home May 11, 1919, and I am still praising God for it.

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he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth***I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you." (John 14:15-17.) Again we read, "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil" (Ecc.12:13, 14.)

Oh praise the Lord! I am praising the Redeemer for my place in the great Church of God, which is the pillar and ground of the truth. I love the Church of God with all my heart. I'm real glad that I am a member of her. It is a safe place. Read Psa. 48:1-14. It gives us a vivid description of her members. Read Psa. 15:1-5. Note the second verse, "He that walketh uprightly and worketh righteousness and speaketh the truth in his heart etc."

"O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him." (Psa. 34:8.) "Truly the light is sweet, and a pleasant thing it is for the eyes to behold the sun: But if a man live many years, and rejoice in them all; yet let him remember the days of darkness." (Ecc. 11:7,8.)

Your sister in Jesus,
Verde Webb,
Cascilla, Miss. R. 1.

Thanks to Saints

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and
Saints of God Everywhere:

I praise the Lord for victory in my soul and wish to thank the Church of God in Temple for the offering they sent me. It came in very handy. I also want to thank them in Alachua, especially Brother and Sister Morris and Brother and Sister Hadcock for all they did for me. Pray for me.

Mrs. Elsie Christensen,
Chicago, Ill.

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Found "the" Church

Dear Ones:

I have traveled a long rugged pathway by having an honest heart and a deep desire to be a man of God. When only a child I was willing to make any efforts to become a child of God. My father cautioned me to be careful about joining a church. He was old and had never joined one for they all preached about alike and he saw they did not measure up to the Bible.

When I was eighteen years of age I joined a church and was baptized. I soon found I was deceived for I had no salvation. I followed blind guides for five years with an aching heart only hoping that I was a Christian. I became disgusted and for two years I did not read the Bible or try to pray and was out for worldly pleasure.

Later I heard of a holiness meeting. I went one night to tell the people all I had heard about the holiness people. I told one of my friends all I had heard. He listened very attentively and after I had finished he told me how the Lord had forgiven his sins and that he very plainly saw there were two other blessings that he needed. I went home defeated. I was trying to destroy the work like Paul but I was seized with conviction as never before.

He was later sanctified and loved me very much. I did not have a Bible and he gave me a little Testament with some verses and chapters marked. I soon saw this was what my heart was hungering for for years. After reading and praying four months I was wonderfully converted. The people looked good to me. I began to testify, I had never seen any one converted and I hardly knew what to do.

I then saw I needed to be sanctified. The Lord wanted me to pray for a boy and I promised I would. I thought it would be easy to pray that night but a worldly girl came in where we were and sang love songs till my friend joined in with her. I halted and knew not what to do. After the girl left I said, "The Bible teaches us to pray, let us try it." They tell on their knees and I began to pray. The Lord gave me words. When I got up I felt the cleansing blood of Jesus as He sanctified me. I had a taste of the joy that Jesus had with the Father. It was unspeakable and full of glory. I laughed, shouted and praised God.

I still wanted the Holy Ghost. I received Him in my home after praying for several days. I spoke as the Spirit gave the utterance and the power of God shook me for several hours.

I tried two holiness churches. I preached the power of God and the people opposed me. They stopped, with getting the Holy Ghost. I told them that the apostles did not stop at talking in tongues and shouting but they went on and did the works of Jesus—He did the works of His Father. One year ago I was suspended till I changed my way of preaching. They saw I preached as good out of the church as before and they asked me to come back. The time was approaching for their convention. I did not want to go back for there was nothing in it for me. By this time I began to see the light on the Church of God so the Lord added me to His Church.

I am glad I am living in the last days. I feel like I am with these people to stay here and in the world to come, we will shout and praise God.

A loving brother in Jesus,

J. D. Woodard.

Mt. Olive, N. C.

Serve the Lord While Young

To the Dear Evangel Family:

I want to praise the dear Lord this morning for victory over sin and the devil. I am so glad we can live above sin and condemnation every day, and shout the victory as we press along. The Lord can make us perfect overcomers for Him if we will be submissive to His precious will.

I feel it my duty to mention the young people's meeting, which we have on Friday nights, as it is the leading prayer meeting of the week in Cleveland. The Lord wonderfully pours out His Spirit upon us when we gather together in His name to worship Him in the beauty of holiness.

"The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad." (Psa. 126: 3.) I am so glad because He said, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them." (Ecc. 12:1.) It is so wonderful to have the blessed peace within, which is unknown to the world, and to have the assurance of a better home just on the other side of the river. I feel more encouraged this morning and feel more like pressing on and doing the biddings of the Master.

We desire the prayers of the saints everywhere for the young people's meeting. (The old are cordially invited too) that we may continue to have the approval of the Holy Ghost upon us.

Your humble brother,
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